Take a much needed break, meet up with your fellow Kinship Caregivers & enjoy some well deserved “Me Time” in a very supportive environment.

Meetings are:

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 - 8 pm

Contact Tammara for signup information:

Tammara@familyess.org
Lewis-Mason-Thurston Kinship Caregivers

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October 1st, 2021

Anatha's Corner

I am writing this in the middle of August while COVID is still with us and our children’s safety is a primary concern. I have to imagine many of us have questions about the start of the new school year. The University of Washington, through the Center on Reinventing Public Education has been tracking the responses to COVID 19 from school districts across the United States. It appears each district has its own rules and regulations and level of implementation from minimum to extensive. School districts in all three counties, Thurston, Lewis, and Mason appear to be offering in-person, remote, and a blend of the two to accommodate student learning and safety. The best chance of having a voice in the experience of your children’s new school year is to contact your school district office or school principle to learn the specifics of how your child’s school is responding to COVID. When you find new information do share this with other Kinship caregivers at the Kinship Support Group meetings or through general conversation. Our children deserve a safe and inspired year of learning.

2nd Annual Strengthening Families Conference
September 24, 2021
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM PST
Registration is Now Open

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Lacey Children’s Day
Saturday, October 2, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Huntamer Park
618 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey
Free to attend

The Whole Family Will Have a Super Time at the 24th Annual Lacey Children’s Day 2021

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EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT
HELPING HOUSEHOLDS CONNECT DURING THE PANDEMIC

What is it?
A temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:
• Up to $100/month discount for broadband service;
• Up to $75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
• A one-time discount of up to $1,000 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

Who is eligible?
A household is eligible if one member of the household:
• Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
• Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
• Received a federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
• Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
• Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider’s existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY
1. Contact your preferred participating provider directly
Ask your provider if they participate in the EBB, or use our online tool to find a participating company near you.

2. Online
Use the online application at GetemergencyBroadband.org

3. By Mail
Fill in an application in English or Spanish. Complete the application and send with proof of eligibility to:
Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7691
London, KY 40742

For additional information, call 833-511-0311, or visit fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

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